

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 5           1. A universal serial bus hub comprising:  
          a housing comprising:  
              a middle portion having a first region, a second region substantially opposite the  
first region, and a third region located between the first region and the second region;  
              a top portion coupled to the middle portion; and  
10           a bottom portion coupled to the middle portion and opposite the top portion;  
              a power port at the first region;  
              a first universal serial bus port at the second region; and  
              a second universal serial bus port at the third region.
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              at least a portion of the top portion comprises a translucent material.
3. The universal serial bus hub of claim 2 further comprising:  
              a status indicator at the top portion,  
20           wherein:  
              the status indicator is visible through the portion of the top portion; and  
              the status indicator indicates a status of at least one of the power port, the first  
universal serial bus port, and the second universal serial bus port.

4. The universal serial bus hub of claim 1 wherein:  
at least a portion of the housing comprises a rubberized material.

5 5. The universal serial bus hub of claim 1 further comprising:  
a first foot at the bottom portion and below the first region.

6. The universal serial bus hub of claim 5 further comprising:  
a second foot at the bottom portion and below the second region; and  
10 a first slot and a second slot at the top portion,  
wherein:  
the first slot is above the first region; and  
the second slot is above the second region.

15 7. The universal serial bus hub of claim 6 wherein:  
the universal serial bus hub is stackable with a second universal serial bus hub; and  
the second universal serial bus hub is substantially similar to the universal serial bus  
hub.

20 8. The universal serial bus hub of claim 1 wherein:  
the universal serial bus hub is stackable with a second universal serial bus hub; and  
the universal serial bus hub and the second universal serial bus hub are self-aligned  
when the universal serial bus hub is stacked with the second universal serial bus hub.

9. A universal serial bus hub comprising:

a housing comprising:

a middle portion having a first region, a second region located substantially  
opposite the first region, and a third region located between the first region and the second  
5 region;

a top portion coupled to the middle portion; and

a bottom portion coupled to the middle portion and located opposite the top  
portion;

a power port at the first region;

10 an upstream universal serial bus port at the second region; and

a group of downstream universal serial bus ports at the third region.

10. The universal serial bus hub of claim 9 wherein:

the group of downstream universal serial bus ports consists of four downstream  
15 universal serial bus ports.

11. The universal serial bus hub of claim 9 further comprising:

a group of status indicators at the top portion,

wherein:

20 the group of status indicators are visible through a portion of the top portion.

12. The universal serial bus hub of claim 11 wherein:

the portion of the top portion comprises a translucent material; and

the group of status indicators indicate a status of the group of downstream ports.

13. The universal serial bus hub of claim 9 wherein:

at least a portion of the housing comprises a rubberized material.

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14. The universal serial bus hub of claim 9 further comprising:

a first foot and a second foot located at opposite ends of the bottom portion; and

a first slot and a second slot located at opposite ends of the top portion,

wherein:

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the first slot is located above the first region and the first foot; and

the second slot is located above the second region and the second foot.

15. The universal serial bus hub of claim 14 wherein:

the universal serial bus hub is stackable with a second universal serial bus hub;

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the second universal serial bus hub is substantially similar to the universal serial bus

hub;

the first slot of the second universal serial bus hub is configured to receive at least a

portion of the first foot of the universal serial bus hub and the second slot of the second universal

serial bus hub is configured to receive at least a portion of the second foot of the universal serial

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bus hub when the universal serial bus hub is stacked on top of the second universal serial bus

hub.

16. The universal serial bus hub of claim 15 wherein:

the first foot and the second foot of the universal serial bus hub and of the second universal serial bus hub and the first slot and the second slot of the universal serial bus hub and of the second universal serial bus hub self-align and self-interlock the universal serial bus hub and the second universal serial bus hub together.

17. A method of manufacturing a universal serial bus hub, the method comprising:

providing a housing comprising:

a middle portion having a first region, a second region substantially opposite the first region, and a third region located between the first region and the second region;

5 a top portion coupled to the middle portion; and

a bottom portion coupled to the middle portion opposite the top portion;

providing a power port;

providing a first universal serial bus port;

providing a second universal serial bus port; and

10 assembling the universal serial bus hub such that the power port is at the first region, the first universal serial bus port is at the second region, and the second universal serial bus port is at the third region.

18. The method of claim 17 further comprising:

15 providing at least a portion of the top portion to comprise a translucent material.

19. The method of claim 18 further comprising:

providing a status indicator at the top portion;

providing the status indicator to be visible through the portion of the top portion; and

20 providing the status indicator to indicate a status of at least one of the power port, the first universal serial bus port, and the second universal serial bus port.

20. The method of claim 17 further comprising:

coating at least a portion of the housing with a rubberized material.

21. The method of claim 17 further comprising:

providing the bottom portion to have a first foot located below the first region and a

5 second foot located below the second region; and

providing the top portion to have a first slot located above the first region and a  
second slot located above the second region.